

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1152

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Nickie Lincoln Cagle of Hardin County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Nickie Lincoln Cagle; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed community leader, Mr. Cagle was a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Nickie Cagle was born in Hardin County on February 12, 1940, to Mary Lou Northcutt and L.H. "Bus" Cagle, Jr; and

WHEREAS, making his home in the Cerro Gordo community, Mr. Cagle was a faithful member of New Harmony Baptist Church in Savannah and deeply devoted to his family; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Nickie Cagle worked at Harbor Pitts Store; in 1963, he accepted a position in Counce at a paper mill now known as PCA, where he served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-eight years until taking his well-deserved retirement in 2002; and

WHEREAS, ever dedicated to serving the needs of his fellow citizens, Mr. Cagle was elected as a Hardin County Commissioner in 2002, and he continued to represent the good people of the 6<sup>th</sup> District until his passing; and

WHEREAS, he was also highly regarded for his abilities as a farmer, and he farmed alongside his son, Shane, until retiring in 2021; known for his row crops, Nickie Cagle was also famous for his enormous watermelon crops and his honorary bucket payment system, which showed the benefits of his having faith and trust in people to do the right thing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cagle's last year of farming was exemplified by his success in raising pumpkins, and one of his proudest moments in farming came when he won First Place, Best in Show, and the Largest and Heaviest Pumpkin categories at the 2021 Hardin County Fair, where he also took Best in Show and First Place honors with his soybean display; and

WHEREAS, a music fan, Nickie Cagle always tuned in to a specific radio station each night to sleep, and he especially loved catfishing, hunting, and participating in the annual dove hunt; a few of his other favorite pastimes included showing off to folks, sitting on his back porch watching the birds and animals, cheering Titans football, attending Alabama football games, following Braves and Cardinals baseball, enjoying the beach, and meeting new people, but above all he cherished time spent with his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, in January 1964, Mr. Cagle married his first wife, Esther Sue Thacker, and together they raised two sons, Jeffery Allen Cagle and Shane Gibson Cagle; and

WHEREAS, after the death of his first wife, Nickie Cagle later found someone who filled his life with joy again, and on August 18, 2018, he was united in marriage with Rhonda Kay Qualls and also gained a daughter and a very special caretaker, Leah Whittingham; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cagle is also survived by his mother-in-law, Dorthy Qualls; brothers, Terry (Carrol) Cagle and Ronnie (Brenda) Cagle; brothers-in-law, David (Lynn) Qualls and Carey (Sharon) Qualls; grandchildren, Vance, Devin, Dalton, Cayla, Halley, Chase, Sophi, Will, Brandon, Connor, and Emma; nine great-grandchildren; twelve nephews and nieces; fifteen great-nephews and great-nieces; two great-great-nieces; his very special companions, Isabella and Bama; and a host of other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by his eldest son, Jeffery Allen Cagle, and a grandson, Tyler James Whittingham; and

WHEREAS, Nickie Cagle leaves behind an enduring legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Nickie Lincoln Cagle, reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Cagle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.